



GOLD RUSH

APRIL 2014 NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY



GO FIGURE



▶ **3.52**

Cumulative GPA of the women's basketball team, which last month won NKU's first Division I postseason game

▶ **\$700,000**

Annual savings under NKU's current Energy Saving Performance Contract

▶ **350**

Community service hours performed by NKU students in Highland Heights on Spring into Service Saturday earlier this month



JUNIOR SOCIAL WORK MAJOR NAMED ACE NATIONAL ADULT LEARNER OF THE YEAR

Chris Hammann, a junior social work major at NKU, has been named the American Council on Education 2013 Adult Learner of the Year.

Hammann is a Marine Corps veteran of two military conflicts and is president of the NKU VETS student organization. A married father of three, he also works full time as a heavy equipment operator at the university.

The award is presented annually by ACE to an individual who has benefited academically or professionally from the use of ACE credit recommendations for workforce or military training. Recipients must demonstrate outstanding achievements in their community or workplace while successfully balancing the demands of family, career, and education.

"I don't know if I am a role model for other adults, but I hope I am demonstrating that it is never too late to go after your dreams," Hammann said. "Education has helped me see myself and the world around me with different eyes. Finishing my degree will allow me to help others realize their potential, and I am determined to cross the stage to accept my diploma."

NKU President Geoffrey Mearns said students like Hammann are inspiring. "I am always impressed with how many competing responsibilities our post-traditional students can successfully manage," Mearns said.

Hammann will receive a \$500 scholarship to help continue his education.

COLLEGE CORNER

The Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate has announced that NKU, along with 32 other higher education institutions from across the country and around the globe, are members of its third cohort.

"Now in its sixth year, the doctoral program in Educational Leadership at NKU has been characterized by its innovative approach to the preparation of future leaders in a wide variety of disciplines," said Dr. James Koschoreck, director of the NKU Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. "As a new member of the Carnegie Project for the Education Doctorate, NKU now joins a distinguished coalition of international institutions of higher education focused on the reconceptualization of the Ed.D. as a doctorate of practice that will inevitably strengthen the commitment of our graduate students to engage more effectively with

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their organizations and their communities."

The Carnegie Project is an action-oriented initiative that has brought together a consortium of colleges and schools of education that work together to institute a clear distinction between the professional practice doctorate in education (Ed.D.) and the education research doctorate (Ph.D.) while improving reliability and efficacy of programs leading to the professional doctorate in education.

"The aim of the consortium is to learn together," said Kristina Hesbol, CPED membership chair. "New members understand that acceptance into the consortium is an invitation to enter into a change process for their Ed.D. program."

READ MORE: http://nku.edu/news/_140331carnegie.html

NKU CYBER DEFENSE TEAM TOPS REGIONAL COMPETITION, HEADS TO NATIONALS



NKU students won the 2014 Midwest Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition held in Chicago last month. The NKU team, comprised of students from the College of Informatics, beat state champions from the nine Midwestern state competitions to earn a spot in the national contest to be held in San Antonio later this month.

The competition is a grueling multi-day experience that tests each team's skills in defending a corporate-style computer network under sustained attack. The competition uses real network hardware, not simulations. Among the teams NKU defeated was the team from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, the Midwest champions from a year ago who had gone on to earn third place in the 2013 national competition. The NKU team entered the Midwest competition as the one wildcard team of the Midwest region, which had teams from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

READ MORE: http://nku.edu/news/_140403cyber.html



THE SCOREBOARD

The NKU women's basketball wrapped up its second season at the Division I level with a second consecutive trip to the Women's Basketball Invitational postseason tournament. The Norse recorded the school's first post-season win at the D-I level with an 84-72 win over McNeese State on March 20. Led by First Team All-Atlantic Sun junior forward Melody Doss's 15.1 points per game, NKU posted an 18-13 record and went an impressive 13-5 in the A-Sun.

FACULTY FOCUS

NKU has received a \$59,924 Digital Humanities Start-Up Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for an innovative project led by Dr. Tamara O'Callaghan of the Department of English. The program will create a digital humanities tool based on Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. The tool will deliver digital enhancements that emerge from the printed page via a smart device such as an iPad. The printed text of Chaucer's poem will be surrounded by a medieval manuscript border coded so that, when scanned by one of these devices, various enhancements will appear on the screen to provide the reader with linguistic, historical, and cultural context.

READ MORE: http://nku.edu/news/_140408grant.html

BRIEFS

NKU SIGNS FIRST DUAL DEGREE AGREEMENT

Hansung University President Shin-il Kang travelled halfway around the world earlier this year to visit with NKU President Geoffrey Mearns and sign a Dual Degree Agreement that was the first of its kind for either institution. The agreement will allow Korean students to start their coursework at their home institution in Seoul and finish at NKU, earning degrees from both universities. It expands an already strong partnership between the two organizations and could serve as a blueprint for similar agreements with other institutions around the world.

READ MORE: <http://tinyurl.com/hansungGR>

SCHOOL-BASED SCHOLARS HAS BECOME FAMILY TRADITION

Making the transition from high school to college is difficult for many students. They have to adjust to a new environment while meeting the demands of a higher level of education. NKU established the School-Based Scholars Program to help high school students handle that transition. This year, more than 800 young people from area high schools are taking college courses taught by NKU professors to get advance credits toward undergraduate degrees.

READ MORE: <http://tinyurl.com/sbsGR>

NKU STUDENTS ROCK

Rock concerts have become multi-media performances with music blasting from multiple speakers, vibrant light shows illuminating the stage, video projected on huge screens, and fireworks exploding above the audience.

For students interested in learning the technical skills behind all that, NKU offers a degree in Rock & Roll and Concert Music Technology.

This unique program, offered in the College of Arts and Sciences, is believed to be the only degree program of its kind in the nation.

READ MORE: <http://tinyurl.com/NKUrocks>

NKU BIOLOGY STUDENTS PARTNER WITH LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLERS

NKU biology students and Villa Madonna Academy students conducted a stream evaluation at Three Mile Creek near NKU last month. To evaluate the stream, samples of macroinvertebrates, water, and fish were collected. The group then input the data collected into a Water Quality App developed at NKU.

A team of NKU students will also present the Water Quality App at a national Environmental Protection Agency competition in late April.

READ MORE: <http://tinyurl.com/NKUbiopartner>

ALUMNI NEWS



David Mack ('95) announced recently that he has partnered with Marvel Film Studios to work on the new Captain America: Winter Soldier film, in theatres now. Mack created the artwork and design sequence for the film's main-on-end titles and credits working with Sarofsky design studio. His official credits for the film for the main titles are Lead Artist, Design and Concept. In a recent blog post announcing the news, Mack said his work will punctuate the film and that he hopes his fans enjoy it. Mack said he did hundreds of pencil and ink drawings and designs for the film, but isn't allowed to reveal his work until after the Blu Ray is released.

Follow Mack's blog at <http://drdavidmrmack.tumblr.com>.